

any observations, how great is the insolence of prosperity, and that the person, who has but just conquered a state of poverty and misery, will exercise tyranny and oppression on those beneath him.

The good parson Stubbs affords a character worthy of imitation, such as, it is a pity to say, is too scarce. Without any other views of reward than what arose from the feelings of an honest heart, he took pleasure in instructing the little Amintor and Florella; but he met with his reward without looking for it, in finding himself, at last, generously patronized by 'Squire Simpson.

Notwithstanding what I have before said, that the possession of riches are apt to lead us into numberless errors; yet 'Squire Simpson is a proof that such is not always the case. He enjoyed a large fortune, and possessed a heart that was  
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worthy of it; he supported unfortunate industry in whatever dress he found it; but he was justly an enemy to those poor wretches, who think the affluent man ought to support poverty in indolence, and laziness under a veil of beggary.

My pretty readers, I would wish to conclude this little moral piece with the best advice I can give you. When any little misfortune happens to you, bear it with patience and composure, and look forward to the hope of better things. Take my word for it, that when you see a young (or even an old) person meanly sinking under any calamity, that person will undoubtedly be insolent in prosperity. By the same rule, insolence in prosperity will sink into meanness in adversity. Accustom your little hearts, in your early days, to be open to the feelings of humanity, despise neither riches nor poverty; do what you honestly can to avoid falling into the latter, but do